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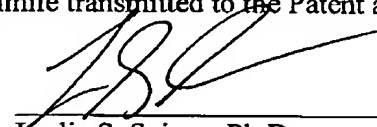
In response to the Office Action dated November 10, 2004, applicants submit the following amendments and remarks for entry of record in the above-identified patent application.

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